



**ARIZONA STATE SENATE**  
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**FACT SHEET FOR S.B. 1305**

AHCCCS; covered services

Purpose

Requires Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) contractors to include occupational therapy in provided outpatient health services.

Background

*Occupational therapy* means the use of therapeutic activities or modalities to promote engagement in activities with individuals who are limited by physical or cognitive injury or illness, psychosocial dysfunction, developmental or learning disabilities, sensory processing or modulation deficits or the aging process in order to achieve optimum functional performance, maximize independence, prevent disability and maintain health. Occupational therapy includes evaluation, treatment and consultation based on the client's temporal, spiritual and cultural values and needs (A.R.S. § 32-3401).

AHCCCS contractors are required to provide medically necessary health and medical services, including outpatient services. Outpatient services are medical procedures or tests that can be done in a medical center without an overnight stay. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-2907, outpatient health services include services ordinarily provided in hospitals, clinics, offices and other health care facilities by or under the direction of a physician or primary care practitioner.

According to AHCCCS, the anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with the restoration of occupational therapy in outpatient health services ranges from \$113,300 to \$271,900.

Provisions

1. Requires AHCCCS contractors to include occupational therapy in provided outpatient health services.
2. Removes occupational therapy from limitations and exclusions for health and medical services under AHCCCS for eligible persons at least 21 years of age.
3. Makes technical and conforming changes.
4. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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